

**Assembly Concurrent Resolution**

**No. 80**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Garcia**

January 7, 2008

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 80—Relative to the Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 80, as introduced, Garcia. The Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate the segment of State Highway Route 8, between Sidewinder Road and Ogilby Road, in the City of Winterhaven in the County of Imperial, as the Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Of all of the promises America offers, none is more
- 2 precious or more elusive than the right to be free from crime and
- 3 violence; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The men and women of law enforcement have the
- 5 unenviable task of guaranteeing the public's safety, and it is as
- 6 difficult and dangerous as it is important, as evidenced by the death
- 7 of Officer Robert Franklin Dickey of the California Highway Patrol
- 8 (CHP), who was killed in the line of duty on June 11, 2007; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey was born in Brawley on
- 10 January 4, 1970, to Fred and Carol Dickey; and

1 WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey grew up in the outskirts of  
2 El Centro, where he also attended local schools; and

3 WHEREAS, After graduating from Central Union High School  
4 in 1988, Officer Robert Dickey pursued his education at DeVry  
5 Technical Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, where he received a  
6 Bachelor of Science degree in accounting; and

7 WHEREAS, Shortly thereafter, Officer Robert Dickey started  
8 a roofing business with his father, where he worked until he entered  
9 the CHP Academy in 2001; and

10 WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey's love for the CHP began  
11 when he was five years old, after a neighbor, who was an officer,  
12 spent time telling him stories about the CHP; and

13 WHEREAS, Upon graduating from the CHP Academy on  
14 February 22, 2002, Officer Robert Dickey reported to the central  
15 Los Angeles area; and

16 WHEREAS, On May 1, 2003, Officer Robert Dickey transferred  
17 to the Winterhaven area, where he spent the remainder of his  
18 career; and

19 WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey had gained the respect of  
20 his peers, allied law enforcement agencies, and the community he  
21 served, and his willingness to assist in any endeavor epitomized  
22 the California Highway Patrol's motto of "Safety, Service, &  
23 Security"; and

24 WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey was a devoted husband,  
25 loving father, son, brother, and friend; in his free time, he enjoyed  
26 riding dirt bikes, jet skiing, wakeboarding, and playing basketball  
27 and racquetball, and he also enjoyed spending time with his wife  
28 and young son; and

29 WHEREAS, Officer Robert Dickey leaves his wife, Yekaterina;  
30 his son, Nathan; his mother, Carol; his father, Fred; his brother,  
31 Russell; his sister, Julie; a host of family and friends; and the entire  
32 CHP family to mourn his passing and celebrate his legacy; and

33 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2007, Governor Arnold  
34 Schwarzenegger ordered Capitol flags to be flown at half-staff in  
35 honor of Officer Robert Dickey; and

36 WHEREAS, We pause to honor Officer Robert Dickey, who  
37 made the ultimate sacrifice while performing his sworn duty, and  
38 pay tribute to him, a fallen hero, by recalling his devotion,  
39 celebrating his life, and honoring his service; now, therefore, be  
40 it

1     *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*  
2     *thereof concurring,* That the Legislature hereby designates the  
3     segment of State Highway Route 8, between Sidewinder Road and  
4     Ogilby Road, in the City of Winterhaven in the County of Imperial,  
5     as the Officer Robert Franklin Dickey Memorial Highway; and be  
6     it further

7     *Resolved,* That the Department of Transportation is hereby  
8     requested to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent  
9     with the signing requirements for the state highway system,  
10    showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations  
11    from nonstate sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those  
12    signs; and be it further

13    *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
14    of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the  
15    author for appropriate distribution.